

Arkansas Development Finance Authority
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
Summary of Proposed Policy Changes (2009-2010)

Chapter/Section	Current Policy	Proposed Policy Change
General Requirements – Chpt. 3	NA	HOME funds requested for acquisition and eligible soft costs may be disbursed ONLY after the start of construction (excludes CHDO Set-aside projects).
	NA	HOME applicants that have successfully completed the ADFA HOME Certification Program may administer multiple HOME projects. Applicants that have not obtained ADFA HOME Certification may not administer multiple HOME projects. Upon 100% completion of any project previously approved, the entity may submit another HOME-funded application.
Homeowner Housing - Owner Occupants – Chpt. 4	NA	Reconstruction loans for owner-occupied rehabilitation will be underwritten with a front-end ratio of 33% and a back end ratio of 43%.
	Units must meet Energy Star requirements	All homeowner units constructed or reconstructed with HOME funds must qualify for Energy Star and achieve a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index score of 70 or less as determined by a HERS rater. HOME-assisted projects located in northwest Arkansas or Climate Zone 4A (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Fulton, Izard, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Stone, and Washington Counties) must obtain a HERS index score of 78 or less.
Rental Housing –Chpt. 6	NA	All rental units constructed or reconstructed with HOME funds must qualify for Energy Star and achieve a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) score of 70 or less as determined by a HERS rater. HOME-assisted projects located in northwest Arkansas or Climate Zone 4A (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Fulton, Izard, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Stone, and Washington Counties) must obtain a HERS index score of 78 or less.